

August 9, 2021

Chairman Chris Nelson
S.D. Public Utilities Commission
106 West Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Wind Energy Charger

Chairman Nelson:

My name is Darwin Hunt. My address is [REDACTED] Gary, South Dakota 57237. I reluctantly entered into a wind energy contract with Invenergy years ago. I was advised/told repeatedly by agents, employees and representatives of Invenergy that Invenergy would always "be a good neighbor". I have subsequently discovered that upon signing an Agreement/Contract that the "good neighbor" policy is forgotten.

I have been in contact with numerous agents, employees and representatives of Invenergy regarding a "charger" located immediately east of my residence. This charger is more than a mere distraction. The noise it creates, together with the movement of the blade, results in both an eyesore and an inability to tolerate the movement by the blade. I have yet to receive company at my home without the visitors noticing the noise and movement and wondering how my wife and I can live in such an environment. Naturally, no one that I know who works for Invenergy lives in such a mess.

I have been unable to get a reply or response from anyone regarding how my dilemma/problem might be resolved. It appears that if the location of the charger meets all of the criteria established by the state and local authorities, then nothing will ever be done. I had no authority nor any control over the location of this disturbing charger, because it is not on my property. Indeed, the value of my farmland and farmstead will forever be less, because of the charger being a problem for the remainder of my life and the life of my family.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this letter and thereby know that "economic development" seems to create issues for many who have no control over projects that actually cause your assets to decrease in value and continually bother me and my family personally on a daily basis. I hope this letter may be shared with as many people as possible so that future similar projects are understood to not be as transparent as the farmer had been told.

I welcome anyone to meet with me at my residence and discover for themselves just how bad my problem is creating wind energy that is not going to be used by me. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Darwin Hunt
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Gary, SD 57237

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